

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 64, line 6 as follows:

--4. A Sal-A20 oligo nucleotide of SEQ ID #3:TCG ACC CAC GCG TCC GAA

AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA, removes clones containing a poly A tail but no cDNA.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take other such appropriate measures to protect the subject matter in the cancelled claim.

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 9 as follows:

1. An isolated nucleic acid which encodes a polypeptide having root transcriptional factor activity comprising a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide having at least 97.5% sequence identity, as determined by the GAP algorithm under default parameters, across the full length of a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1;

(b) a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1; and

(c) a polynucleotide which is fully complementary to a polynucleotide of (a) or (b).

2. A recombinant expression cassette, comprising the nucleic acid of claim 1 operably linked, in sense or anti-sense orientation, to a promoter.

4. A transgenic plant comprising the recombinant expression cassette of claim 2.